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**REMARKS**

Claim 16 - 21 remain in the application with method 16 and article claim 20 being independent.

All claims define over the prior art by reciting the shallow recess 28 surrounded by a sealed edge 30 and a larger gallery 32 for introducing adhesive into the recess 28. None of the references suggest such a specific combination which can be employed to clamp a plurality of such structural units together with the adhesive introduced throughout the structure to permanently interconnect all of the individual structural units.

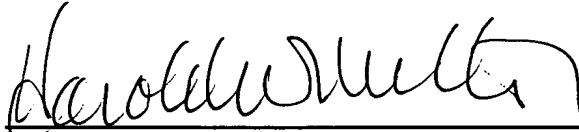
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

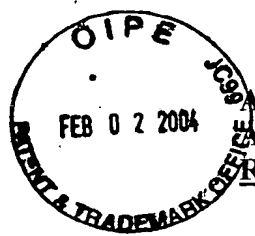
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